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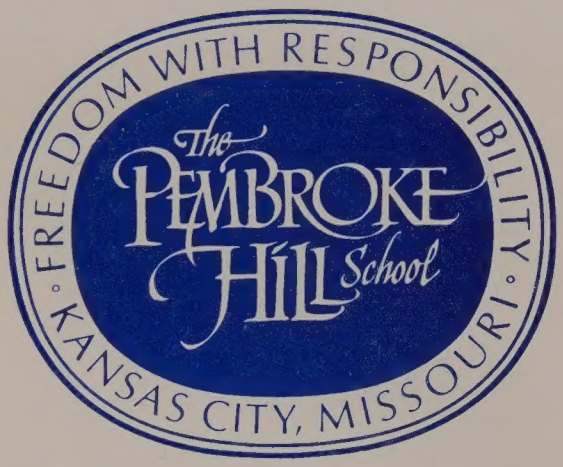

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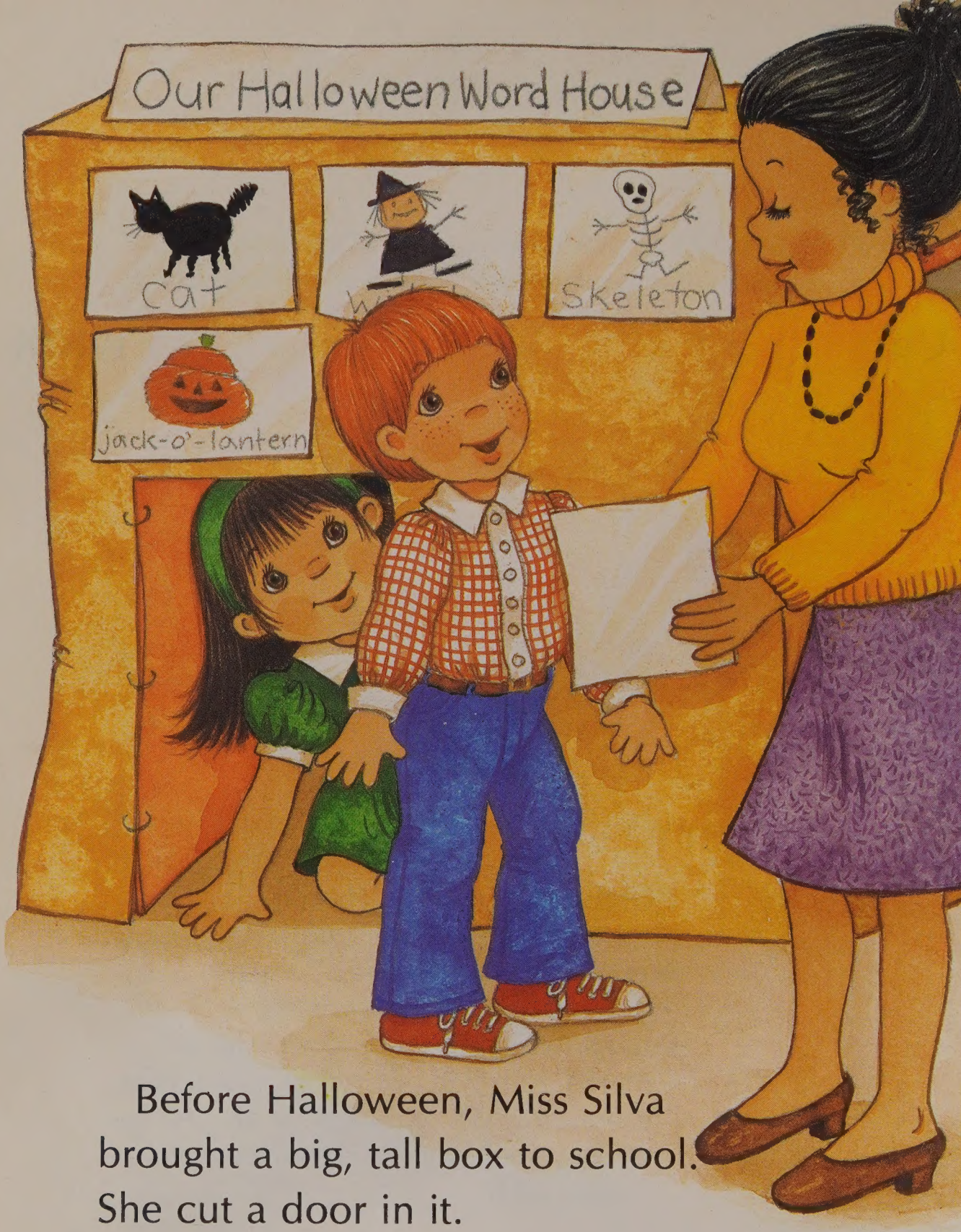
Halloween is coming soon.
I see a jack-o'-lantern moon.
Screams and screeches fill the air.
Scary sounds are everywhere.
Robots, monsters, skeletons, cats
  march with witches in big, black hats.
I'm not afraid of scary sights and such—
  when I peek out on Halloween night—
    not much!



Before Halloween, Miss Silva brought a big, tall box to school. She cut a door in it.

We made a Halloween word house. We glued spooky Halloween word pictures on it.

Every day we made more word pictures to put on our house. When the door was open, we took turns going inside and telling scary stories.

One nice day, Miss Silva said, "Let's take a walk outside." We found colorful leaves and acorns. Guess what we made with them?

First, we made a Halloween leaf zoo.

Then Miss Silva put strips of sticky tape on the table, with the sticky sides up. We stuck leaves, acorns, and some Halloween pictures on the sticky tape.

We used the strips to make a spooky Halloween bush for the hallway. We hung some strips in the windows. And we made headbands and bracelets to wear home.

The next day Miss Silva brought a pumpkin to school. "Today we will make magic pumpkin colors," she said.

Miss Silva gave us each a white paper plate, a cup of water, and a brush. She sprinkled some yellow powder paint on our plates, and said—

"Pumpkin, pumpkin, funny fellow.
First we'll paint your face with
yellow."

Then she put on some red powder paint. That time she said—

"Now we'll sprinkle on some red,
And turn you into orange instead."

"That's neat!" said Chip.

When our plates were dry, we each cut out two circles, two triangles, a square, a rectangle, and a half circle. We pasted our shapes on our plates.

"Now we have shape-o'-lanterns instead of jack-o'-lanterns," said Chip.

Miss Silva wrote this funny verse on the chalkboard for us. Can you name the shapes as you read it?

"A Halloween pumpkin is round like a clock," said Miss Silva. "Let's dance a pumpkin-clock dance."

"How?" asked Mary.

"First we will make a circle like a clock," said Miss Silva. "We will bend right—tick—and left—tock.

" 'Tick-tock, tick-tock,' says the Halloween-pumpkin clock.

"Put both hands together. It's twelve o'clock. Hop. Jump. Skip around the block.

"Big hand up. Little hand down. It's five o'clock. Tiptoe to town.

"Now slowly wind yourself down, down, and stop."

"Let's do it again," said Eric. And we did.

The next day Ann wore her wacky witch hat to school. We all wanted to make witch hats, so Miss Silva folded newspapers into big triangles and stapled the ends.

"Let's call the boy witches, 'winzies,' " said Billy, as we decorated our hats.

"Do 'winzies' know how to make witches' brew?" asked Tiffany.

"Yes," said Billy. "Of course they do."

"Let's make up a recipe for witches' brew," said Miss Silva.

So we did.

As we pretended to stir our witches' brew, we sang—

Witches and 'winzies' mixing brew,
mixing magic Halloween stew.
Icka-bicka, treat or trick-a;
watch out, or we'll scare you.
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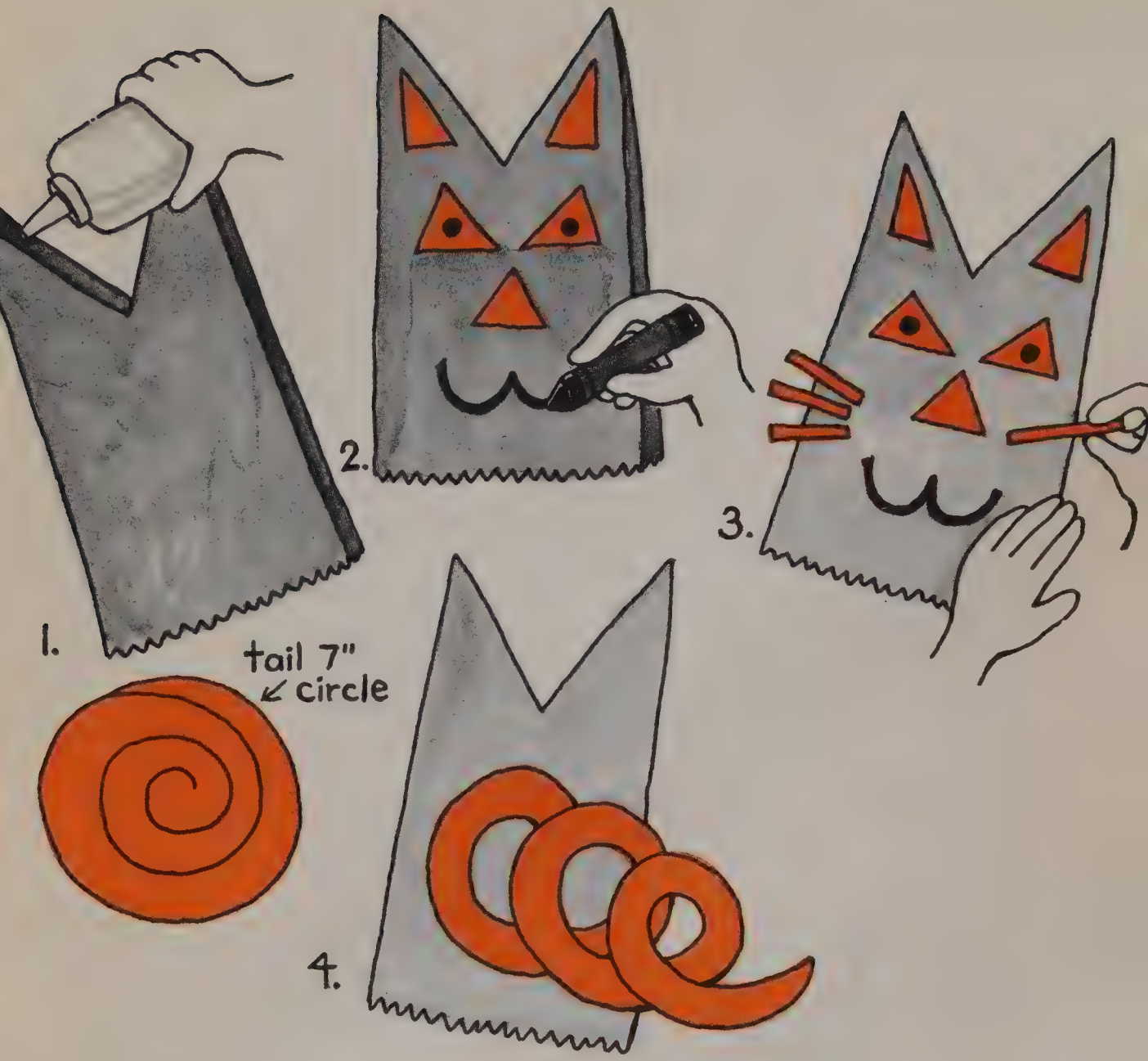


"A witch needs a cat," said Ann.

Miss Silva showed us how to make cats out of paper bags.

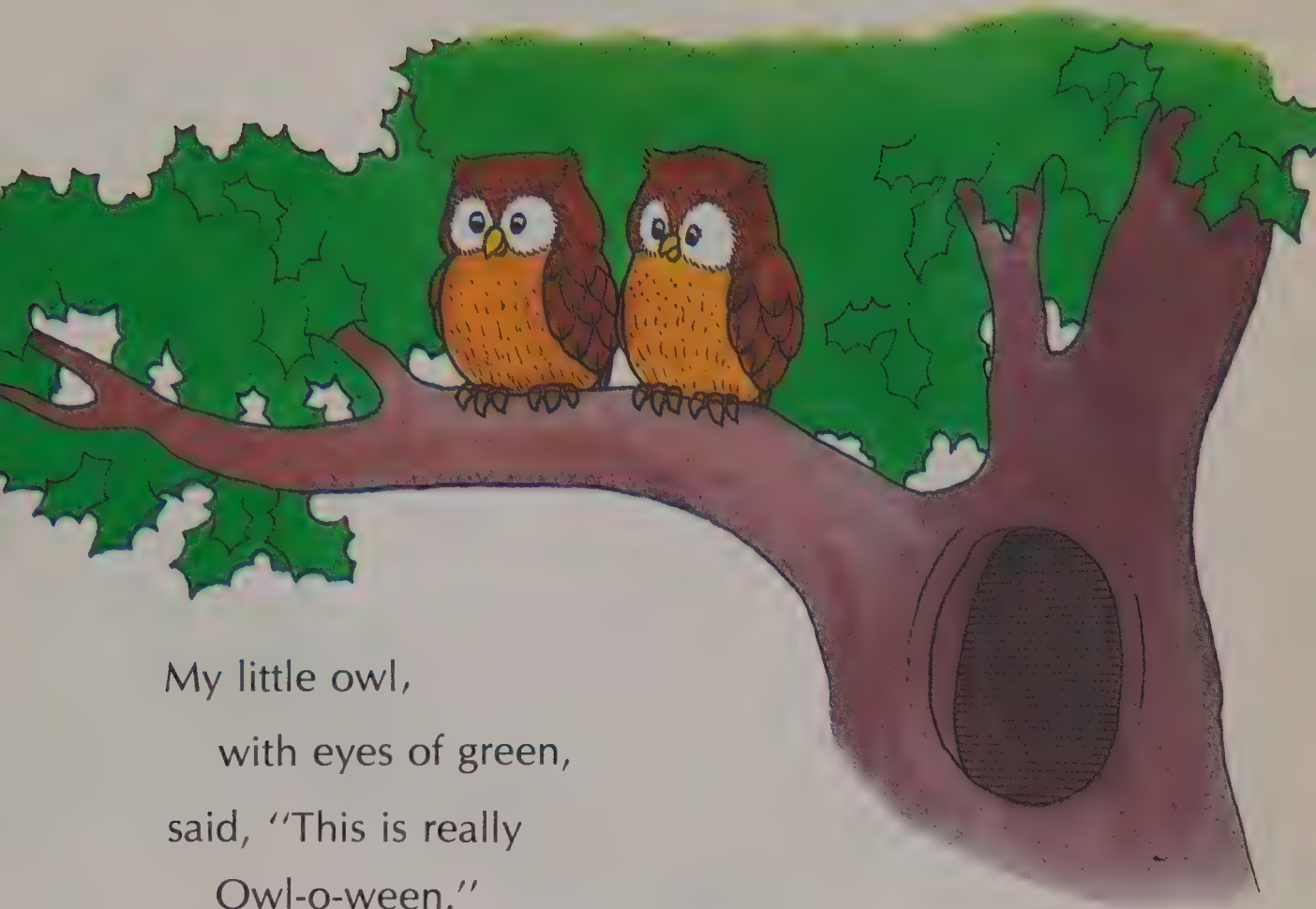
"I will name my cat, Me-ouch, because she scratches," said Ann.

We put our cats all around the room.
Miss Silva hung Bobby's cat up high.

Bobby laughed. "Cats fly with
witches on Halloween," he said.

"Sometimes owls fly with witches on Halloween night," said Beth. "Let's make owls."

Miss Silva showed us how to fold paper plates to make owls. We made their eyes green.



My little owl,
with eyes of green,
said, "This is really
Owl-o-ween."
Witches fly, and
ghosts say, "Boo!"
But only owls say,
"Whoo-whoo-whoo."

We learned this funny owl-o-ween verse for our owls to say.

When it was time to make a jack-o'-lantern, everyone helped. First we scooped out the pumpkin and counted the seeds. Then we roasted some seeds and tasted them. Finally, we made the funny face.

"I wish I could take the jack-o'-lantern home," said Chip.

"You could take home a surprise paper jack-o'-lantern," said Miss Silva. She folded a piece of orange paper, took out her scissors, and told us this rhyme as she cut—

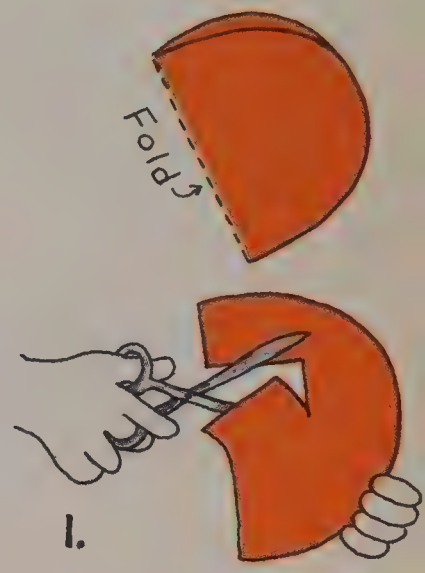
PETER'S HOUSE

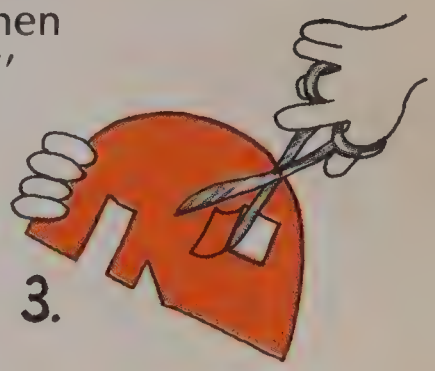
1. This is the door
   to Peter's house.

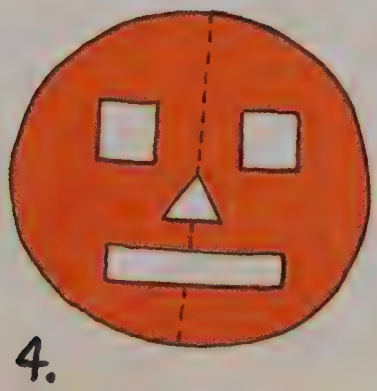
2. This is a tiny
   door for his mouse.

3. This is a window for
   him to peek through

4. On Halloween night when
   pumpkins say, "Boo!"

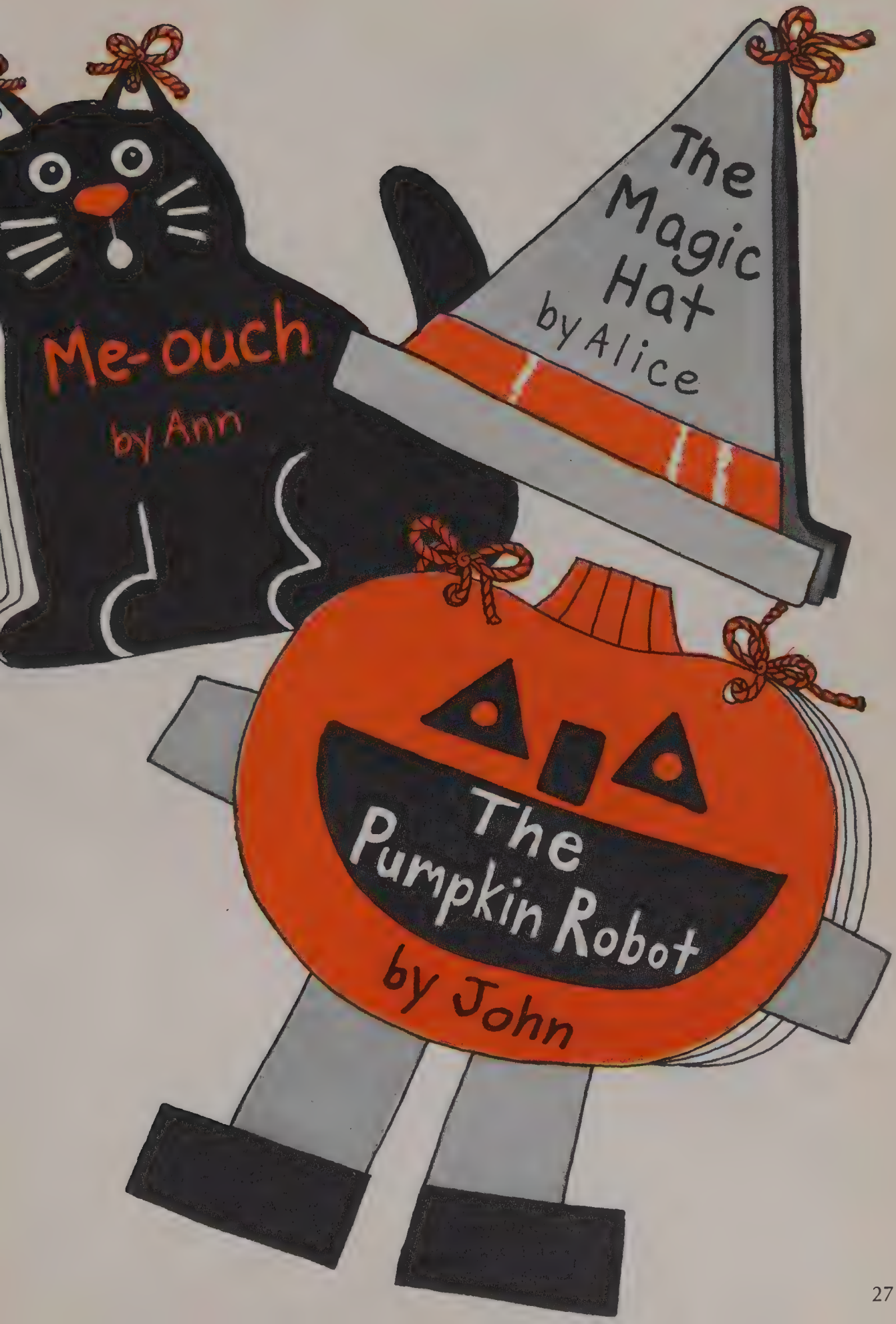






Then Miss Silva said, "Now each of you can make up a Halloween story —and put it in your own shape book."

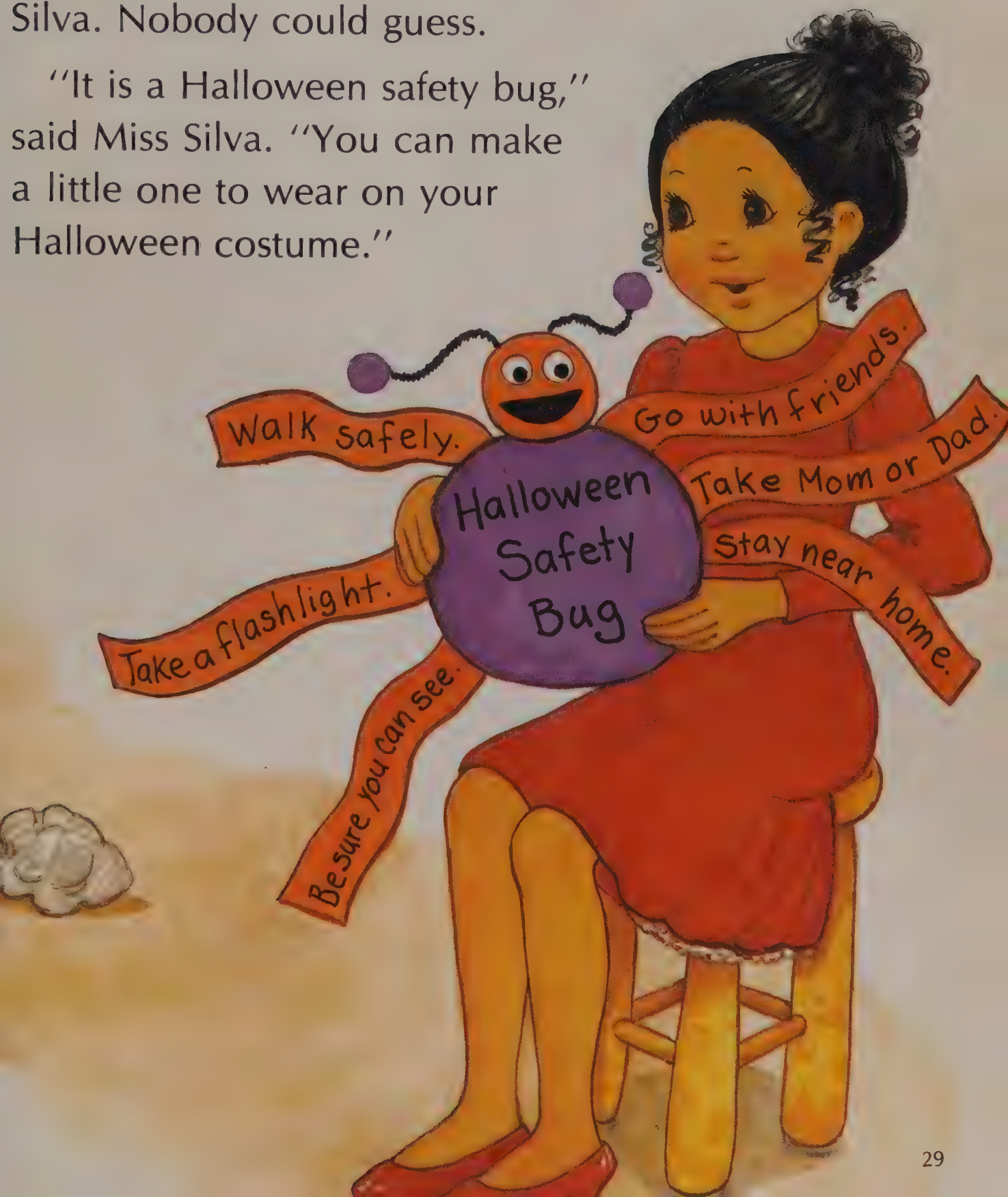
Here are some of our Halloween books. You can make one too.


Me-ouch
by Ann
The Magic Hat
by Alice
The Pumpkin Robot
by John

The day before Halloween, we made a paper-bag pumpkin patch. We stuffed paper bags with newspaper and painted them orange with green stems.

"Guess who lives in our pumpkin patch?" asked Miss Silva. Nobody could guess.

"It is a Halloween safety bug," said Miss Silva. "You can make a little one to wear on your Halloween costume."



On Halloween day, some children brought costumes to wear in our parade. Others made funny Halloween masks out of big paper bags.

Then we marched in and out of the classrooms. What fun we had.

"Is it time for our treats now?" asked Chip when we were done.

It was. And you'll never believe what we ate. We had brown-goblin chocolate milk, dragon-teeth carrot sticks, and apple lanterns. Then we all said, "Happy Halloween!"

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